



## Vietnam Cuisine & Culture

10 Days 9 Nights From \$2,199 per person twin share

- Depart: Sydney / Melbourne / Perth
- Availability : April 2026
- International & Domestic Vietnam Airlines Airfare
- Accommodation 3 ★ Hotels (4 & 5 ★ Hotel Options Available)

### Highlights

- Embark on a ten-day-tour along Vietnam begin in the south with vibrant Saigon vibe end with one-thousand-year-old capital city Hanoi and cruise majestic Ha Long Bay or Lan Ha Bay.
- Much private time to discover a more authentic, more unique side of Vietnam.
- Immerse in the biggest and busiest city of Vietnam, Saigon by joining our optional tour by motorbike, the unique way to explore Saigon at its best.
- Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, a former Viet Cong stronghold that provides an insight into the resourcefulness and tenacity of the Vietnamese people and underground life during the war.
- Back to the 17th century by visiting the old town of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Discovering Ha Long Bay with thousands of limestone rock jut dramatically from the sea and numerous grottoes have created an ephemeral, fantastic landscape...
- Discover Sun World Ba Na Hills is coined the "heaven on earth" owing to its spectacular climate and otherworldly natural landscape.
- Taste the must-to-try Traditional Vietnamese cuisines. You may test your fingers skill by using chopsticks sometimes make people burst into a laugh:
  - In Hanoi: try to taste the Vietnamese noodle "Pho" and local beer and feel why it's so popular to many Vietnamese and visitors.
  - In Saigon: savour the traditional dishes of Southern area: Banh Xeo which is called "Vietnamese pizza", the tasty grilled pork noodle and a fresh coconut juice is a perfect choice.

## Itinerary in Brief

Day 1: Sydney / Melbourne / Perth – Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) – Arrival (International Flight)

Day 2: Saigon – Cu Chi or Mekong Delta – Ho Chi Minh City (By Bus)

Day 3: Saigon – Free Day

Day 4: Saigon – Danang – Hoi An (Domestic Flight)

Day 5: Hoi An – Ba Na Hill – Hoi An (By Bus)

Day 6: Hoi An – Danang – Hanoi (Domestic Flight)

Day 7: Hanoi – Halong Bay – Overnight on Cruise (By Bus & Cruise)

Day 8: Halong Bay – Hanoi (By Bus)

Day 9: Hanoi – Free Day

Day 10: Hanoi – Departure – Back to Sydney / Melbourne / Perth (International Flight)



## Itinerary

### Day 1: Sydney / Melbourne / Perth Saigon Arrival (Dinner)

For flight from Perth: VN790 @ 00:50/ 06:10

Upon arrival Tan Son Nhat airport early in the morning at around 06:00 am, local guide will welcome and take you to the city center, leave your luggage at hotel reception then be guided to restaurant for breakfast on your own. Free morning to discover attractions around hotel or just simple relax at hotel lobby until time to check in at about 14:00 pm. Free afternoon then guide and car will take you for a dinner out in an open kitchen street side restaurant and enjoy special Vietnamese cuisine with a glass of beer or fresh coconut while watching chief preparing food with their skill. Overnight in Saigon.

For flight from Sydney & Melbourne: VN772 @ 11:50/16:40

Upon arrival Tan Son Nhat airport in the afternoon around 16:00 pm, local guide will welcome and take you to the city center for hotel check-in. Guide and car will take you for a dinner out in an open kitchen street side restaurant and enjoy special Vietnamese cuisine with a glass of beer or fresh coconut while watching chief preparing food with their skill. Overnight in Saigon.

Meals: Dinner at a local restaurant

### Day 2: Saigon - Cu Chi Tunnels or Mekong Delta - Saigon (Breakfast)

After breakfast at hotel, we will visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels. Located 60km from Saigon, Cu Chi is now a popular spot for both Vietnamese & foreign tourists – the network of over 200km of tunnels became legendary when they played a vital role in the War. In their day, the tunnels were functioning underground cities including numerous trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers & kitchens.

Today, ducks and water buffaloes happily co-exist in the rivers along the side of the road. However, the peaceful rural rice paddy scenery belies the area's violent history. Visitors will find it hard to imagine the destruction, damage & defoliation of this whole area, caused by bombing and mines. There is plenty of evidence of the fierce battle that took place here during the 1960s when Cu Chi was a "Free Target Zone". Start our tour in the morning, before entering the tunnels visitors can watch a short introductory video showing how the tunnels were constructed. You will spend the next hour exploring the tunnels. Afterwards, enjoy tea, cassava (guerrilla's food during the war). Return to city center. Overnight in Saigon.

### Option 2: Mekong Delta

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7.30 am our tour guide will welcome you at your hotel before heading to My Tho city by bus. Enjoy the scenery and green rice paddies during the one-and-a-half-hour bus ride. Along the way, we will visit Vinh Trang pagoda, the biggest pagoda in the Mekong delta. Continue to My Tho, where we take a boat trip along the Mekong River, where you can see fish cages and floating houses on the river.

The boat takes you to a small canal, escaping the hustle and bustle of the town. We disembark at a coconut island in Ben Tre and enjoy a walk around the village. Stop at a local family home to enjoy tropical fruit, taste the honey tea and honey wine and listen to Vietnamese traditional music performed by the villagers. Check out the coconut candy shop and learn how to make candy, and see handicrafts made from the coconuts.

Take your time snapping photos and enjoy the natural scenery before we head to the local restaurant. Lunch is set with special Vietnamese food. Enjoy your lunch outside under the shade of the trees. After lunch, enjoy your time relaxing, walking around the village, or perhaps going for a short bike ride. Travel back to Saigon and arrive around 5.00 pm for the end of the tour.

Meal included: Breakfast at hotel

### **Day 3: Saigon - Free Day (Breakfast)**

Breakfast at hotel. Free whole day for your leisure or join our optional tours (For the best services, kindly book in advanced at least 01 prior day). Overnight in Saigon.

Vibrating with energy, innovation and traffic – lots of traffic – Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon, is the economic heart of Vietnam and the main hub of the southern region. This city has many well-known attractions, including the War Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral, and Ben Thanh Market. Let discover this city to make your Saigon the most valuable on your own today!

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

### **Day 4: Saigon - Danang - Hoi An (Breakfast)**

Flight suggested: Departure time from 11:30 – 15:00

Breakfast at hotel. Check out then transfer to the airport for your flight to Danang. Local guide will meet at the airport. Transfer to Hoi An. Check in hotel and overnight in Hoi An.

Meal included: Breakfast at hotel

### **Day 5: Hoi An - Ba Na Hill - Hoi An (Breakfast / Lunch)**

Breakfast at hotel. At around 08:00 am guide will Pick up at your hotel then depart to Ba Na hills. Arrive at the cable car station. Sitting in the cabin, in mid-air, looking upon the endless tree line of the forest. Experiencing the pristine ecological system of the Ba Na Mountain will leave you with a sense of unforeseeable discovery. Visit the Le Jardin, old wineries – remains of French Villas and Linh Ung pagoda with 27m high Buddha statue. Leave Le Jardin for Gare Debay, the second cable car station, to go to the top of Ba Na. Visit and play games at the Fantasy Park- Ba Na Hills Fantasy Park- the third largest indoor amusement park in the world (only some free games depending on Ba Na policy).

11h30: Have buffet lunch at Restaurant.

After lunch, Conquer the Peak of Chua Mountain at the height of 1,487m. Enjoy the panorama view of the Da Nang from the top of Ba Na Hills. And then visit Golden Bridge. Return to cable car station and transfer to Da Nang. Return to your hotel around 15:00. Free afternoon for leisure. Overnight in Hoi An.

Meal included: Breakfast at hotel. Buffet Lunch in Ba Na hills.

### **Day 6: Hoi An - Danang - Hanoi (Breakfast / Dinner)**

Flight suggested: Departure time from 11:30 – 15:00

Breakfast at hotel. Check out and transfer to Danang airport for your flight to Hanoi. Local guide will welcome at Noi Bai airport then transfer to Hanoi center. Check in and free afternoon for leisure. Overnight in Hanoi.

Meal included: Breakfast at hotel. Dinner with Vietnamese noodle “Pho”

### **Day 7: Hanoi - Halong Bay - Overnight on Cruise (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

\*\*\*The cruise itinerary can be changed depends on the weather condition for tourist comfort and safety

Checking out hotel after breakfast. Transfer to Ha Long by shuttle bus of the cruise. Arrive and check in onboard then follow the schedule of the cruise.

### **Program of Garden Bay Cruise (3 Star)**

Arriving at Sun World International Harbor, Bai Chay Ward, Ha Long City. Transfer to Tonkin Cruise Boat by tender (5 -10 minutes). Enjoy welcome drink, safety briefing then check-in to your cabin. Cruising through Bai Tu Long Bay & having lunch with Set Menu. Kayaking to explore some lagoons, swimming, relaxing at the

beach in Cap La. Relax and enjoy the sunset party with Happy Hour (from 5h30pm- 7h30pm) while the boat is cruising to Cong Dong-Cong Do area to anchor for overnight. Having BBQ dinner (on the sundeck if condition permit otherwise in the restaurant). Free evening to join some activities of board games or squid fishing, play guitar, watch movies or karaoke (advance request) or taste the variety of drinks at our luxury sky bar (chargeable) with wines, cocktails, brandy, juices...

### **Program of Calypso Cruise (4 Star)**

From Tuan Chau wharf, Tuan Chau Island of Ha Long city, we go to Calypso Cruise by small boat. A warmly welcome drinks will be served upon arrival the cruise then has a short time for check in proceeds: get a brief introduction and safety guidelines then check in. Have lunch while cruising in the magnificent Ha Long Bay, admiring the fascinating nature, then anchor at Lan Ha Bay area. Join a guide to explore hidden parts of the bay, the area of Dark and Bright cave where to goes through the cave, under the mountain to a lake which is formed by a Karst – well like a dragon eye inside the mountain. This is a very beautiful sight that visitors like the most. You share a sampan with other tourists with a local rower OR taking a kayak on your own. Return to Calypso Cruises for changing swimming suits then join swimming time in the sea or at the swimming pool on sundeck. At 17:30, enjoy happy hours with various drinks on discounts, try swimming pool and charming the bay with our handsome bartenders. Sunset can be seen from the sundeck if it is a lucky day then take part in a cooking demonstration and food décor with our Chef. At 19:00, Join dinner at Calypso Cruises restaurant. Time of relaxation after a day on sundeck, leisure in room for watching films, sing karaoke in restaurant or go to tender for squid fishing with cruise staffs. Overnight in Lan Ha Bay.

### **Program of La Regina Grand (5 Star)**

Arrive at La Regina private lounge – Lot 24, Tuan Chau Marina – Ha Long, enjoy welcome drink and express check-in before boarding. Transferred by speed boat to La Regina Grand Cruises. Welcome aboard the cruise, refresh with our welcome drink while Cruise Manager briefing cruise orientation, activities & on-board safety. The boat starts to cruise to Lan Ha Bay. Cruise leaves to explore Lan Ha Bay. You will enjoy a meal that features the distinctive Vietnamese cuisine taste while relaxing and avoiding the crowds on well-travelled roads. You will arrive at Light and Dark Cave – one of the best attractions on Lan Ha Bay which is best known for its pristine and tranquil beauty. Exploring the area by local boat or kayaking. After that, you can swim in the green emerald and cool water around the cruise. Return to the cruise and enjoy the Bay sunset while enjoying the special “Happy Hour”. You may also join our chef in the kitchen to learn how to make traditional spring rolls. If the weather permits, enjoy dinner on the sundeck or in Ha Long Bar & Restaurant, which is on the second floor. You will have the chance to savour meals produced from premium, fresh ingredients in a distinctive fusion style that fuses the essence of traditional Vietnamese cuisine with the innovative influences of modern cuisine. After dinner, it's your choice for a fun squid fishing, spa (charge fees) or relaxing. Overnight onboard.

Meal included: Breakfast at hotel. Lunch and dinner onboard.



## **Day 8: Halong Bay - Hanoi (Breakfast / Brunch)**

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### **Program of Garden Bay Cruise (3 Star)**

Wake up early in the morning for taichi exercise. Have a light breakfast. Visit Vung Vieng Fishing Village by bamboo boat to discover the daily life of the fisher communities. Back to the main boat, relaxing, packing up. Checking out and relaxing on the sundeck. Enjoy the last scenery of the Ha Long Bay over lunch when the boat cruises back to shore. Disembark and relax in our cafe lounge. Take the shuttle bus of the cruise to go back to Hanoi. Check in and overnight in Hanoi.

### **Program of Calypso Cruise (4 Star)**

Welcome a new day with amazing dawn on the Legendary Gulf of Tonkin. Refresh your body & soul by taking a Tai-chi lesson on sundeck. Have breakfast in the restaurant. Join a guided and get your hands on some Kayaking to explore Tra Bau area. For those who do not fancy at kayaking can swim at the swimming pool on sundeck or swim in the sea. Return to Calypso Cruises for shower. Check out of your room. An early lunch will be served. After paying the bills, a small boat will take all of us to Tuan Chau wharf. Disembark at pier and take the shuttle bus of the cruise to go back to Hanoi. Check in and overnight in Hanoi.

### **Program of La Regina Grand (5 Star)**

Greet the new day on the sundeck with a taichi session. Enjoy the fresh air on the bay while you unwind with a cup of tea or coffee. Enjoy a quick breakfast on board and get your day going with plenty of energy. You will join the tour of Cat Ba World Biosphere. It will take you around 30 minutes to transfer from Gia Luan to Trung Trang – one of the most impressive caves in Cat Ba Island, Vietnam. Lunch is served in the restaurant while the boat heads back to the harbor. Disembark at pier & back to Tuan Chau Marina by speed boat. Take the shuttle bus of the cruise to go back to Hanoi. Check in and overnight in Hanoi.

Meal included: Light breakfast & Brunch onboard

## **Day 9: Hanoi - Free Day (Breakfast)**

Breakfast at hotel. Free whole day for your leisure or join our optional tours (For the best services, kindly book in advanced at least 01 prior day). Overnight in Hanoi.



Founded over 1000 years ago, Vietnam's capital city is rich in history, with the streets of its rambling Old Quarter dating back to the 14th century. Wandering these tree-lined lanes past crumbling colonial facades will transport you back in time. However, today's Hanoi is about much more than the past. The ancient city is being invigorated with modern cafes, world-class restaurants, and cool art galleries. When the sun goes down, you have your pick of watering holes, from sophisticated rooftop bars to buzzing bia hoi. Let's plan your free day to be a memorable day in this historical city now!

Meal included: Breakfast at hotel

#### **Day 10: Hanoi Departure Back to Sydney / Melbourne / Perth (Breakfast)**

##### **Flight to Perth: transit in Saigon.**

Hanoi – Saigon: VN247 @ 10:00am/12:15pm

Saigon – Perth: VN791 @15:50/ 23:05

##### **Flight to Sydney & Melbourne:**

Hanoi - Sydney: VN787 @ 23:35/13:15

Sydney – Melbourne.

Your final day starts with breakfast at the hotel followed by check-out. You will then be transferred to the airport for the departure flight to the next destination or back home. Farewell.

Meal included: Breakfast at hotel.

## Tour Prices & Hotels

### Tour Prices:

Group size (Min.2 person)	Standard Class (3*)	Superior Class (4*)	Deluxe Class (5*)
Price per person from	\$ 2,199	\$ 2,399	\$ 2,799
Single Supplement	\$ 600	\$ 800	\$ 1300

### List of Hotels (or Similar)

#### Standard Class (3\*)

City	Hotel	Room Type
Hanoi	Chalcedony	ROH
Halong Bay	Garden Bay Cruise	Deluxe Cabin
Hoi An	Lantana Riverside	Deluxe
Saigon	Acnos	Deluxe

#### Superior Class (4\*)

City	Hotel	Room Type
Hanoi	The Q hotel	Deluxe
Halong Bay	Calypso Cruise	Deluxe Cabin
Hoi An	Hadana Boutique	Deluxe
Saigon	Alagon D'antique	Deluxe

#### Deluxe Class (5\*)

City	Hotel	Room Type
Hanoi	Pan Pacific	Deluxe
Halong Bay	La Regina Grand	Bai Tu Long Suite
Hoi An	Little Oasis	ROH
Saigon	Grand Saigon	Premium Deluxe

#### Departure Dates

Departure from Sydney & Melbourne on

2025: 15 Aug, 05 Sep, 24 Oct, 21 Nov, 05 Dec (Surcharge \$300).

2026: 06 Feb, 06 Mar, 24 Apr, 22 May, 12 Jun, 24 Jul, 21 Aug, 11 Sep, 23 Oct.

Departure from Perth on

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**2025: 19 Aug, 09 Sep, 21 Oct, 11 Nov, 02 Dec.**

**2026: 24 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 12 May, 16 Jun, 28 Jul, 25 Aug, 08 Sep, 20 Oct.**

## **Tour Inclusions & Exclusions**

### **Inclusions**

- Return international Vietnam Airlines airfare from Sydney/ Melbourne / Perth
- 02 domestic airfares: Saigon to Danang, Danang to Hanoi
- 02 days 01 night on cruise in Ha Long (shared cabin on shared Cruise)
- Meals (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in itinerary
  - Daily breakfast at hotel.
  - 01 lunch + 01 Dinner + 1 brunch on cruise in Halong Bay
  - 01 buffet lunch in Bana Hill restaurant
  - 01 Dinner in Saigon with Vietnamese style cuisines
  - 01 Dinner in Hanoi with specialties: Pho
- 02 bottles of mineral water per person per day
- Local English speaking guides
- Transfers & type of vehicle for each group will be as below:
  - 1 – 2 pax: 07 car seats
  - 3 – 7 pax: van of 16 seats
  - 8 – 12 pax: coach of 29 seats
  - 13 – 15 pax: coach of 35 seats
- Entrance tickets at tourism sites indicated in the program

### **Exclusions**

- Visa to Vietnam (contact VN Holidays team to help with service fee.)
- Travel insurance
- Optional Tour
- Entrance fee to Hoi An town
- Early check-in or late check-out
- Meals, drinks, tips, and all not mentioned
- Items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry, beverages,...)
- Additional transfer required due to any emergency situation
- Optional excursions and activities

## **Other Information**

### **Notes**

- Please kindly note that Australian passport holders need to apply for a visa to visit Vietnam.

- The visa-free stay period is counted from THE DATE OF ENTRY. Please apply E-Visa to Vietnam at least 15 days before the date of entry. Vietnam e-Visa validity is 90 days, multiple entries.
- For Vietnam visa it can be easily obtained online via this link: <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn>

### **Changes**

- The itinerary can be changed due to weather, tide levels, and operating conditions.
- Programmers, prices, services and conditions are based on those valid at the time of proposal submission and are subject to change thereafter without advance notice until all services have been paid in full.

### **Special requests**

- Your special requests (diet, vegetarian,...) should be sent before your departure date.

### **VN Holidays' Responsibility**

- Certain parts of the tours on offer are provided by independent third parties, such as airlines, hotels, transport operators and local tourist offices.
- VN Holidays is not responsible for any loss or theft, injury or damage caused thereby to the tourists, including those occurring outside of the normal touring programmes.
- Additional expenses incurred due to delay, accident, natural disaster, political actions and unrest shall be borne by the tourists.